ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A serialization management system consists of a job control host for assigning serial numbers to storage media, and for generating a job; a replication facility

5   host communicatively coupled to the job control host, wherein the job control host communicates the job to the replication facility host; and a serialization writer communicatively coupled to the replication facility host, wherein the replication facility host controls the

10   serialization writer in response to the job, and communicates status information to the job control host. In another embodiment, the invention can be characterized as method for operating the serialization management system.